Bogus payments for LTC in Sangeet Natak Akademi

3324. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pensioner of UPSC was re-employed in the Sangeet Natak Akademi as Assistant Secretary/Finance and Accounts Officer during the period between July, 1981 and July, 1983;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said pensioner was paid heavy amounts for his two bogus LTCs deliberately, without proper scrutiny of the details by the Accounts Section of the Akademi;

(c) whether responsibility for the irregular payments has been fixed upon the employees/officers who connived with the pensioner; and

(d) if so, what disciplinary action has been taken against the erring employees/officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pensioner was paid Rs. 2744.80p for two LTCs' drawn by him. The LTCs' were sanctioned by the officials through oversight and without observing the rules by the Akademi.

(c) Responsibilities for the irregular payment were fixed with the employees by the Akademi.

(d) The competent Authority after taking the entire matter into consideration issued warnings to the erring employees who failed to observe the rules pertaining to the sanction of the LTC's.

Irregularities in the Sangeet Natak Akademi

3325. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious cases of fraud/irregularities in the administrative, financial and other matters in the Sangeet Natak Akademi have been reported to the Secretary and Chairman of the Akademi by the Staff Members' Association;

(b) if so, what are the details of and whether enquiries have been conducted under CCS Rules;

(c) if so, what are the results of the enquiries in all the cases;

(d) whether Government have received complaints from the Staff Members' Association in this regard; and

(e) if so ,what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Of the various complaints received only the following three cases were considered irregular:

(i) Grant of House Building Advance to Shri N. G. Chanda. After full recovery of the Advance from Shri Chanda, his two annual increments were stopped by the Akademi under CCS Rules, as a measure of penalty.

(ii) In the second case, Shri Dasgupta was sanctioned LTC facilities for his parents for the block years 1982—85. As soon as the matter came to the notice, Shri Gupta refunded the entire amount in

lumpsum. Hence no action was taken against him.

(iii) In the third case the Akademi requested an Advocate to institute recovery proceedings of the grant of LTC to Shri Balraj Verma after they failed to get the same recovered from him.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. These were forwarded to the Sangeet Natak Akademi for appropriate action.

Track Renewal in Tamil Nadu

3326. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of track renewal in Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the target of track renewal in that State for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what are the details of plans for improvement of railway stations in that State during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The statistics regarding track renewals are not maintained State-wise. However, track renewals of 1860 Km. are proposed to be done in Southern Railway which covers Tamil Nadu State.

(b) The target for track renewals for Southern Railway during 8th Plan period is 2000 Km.

(c) Improvements to stations, including remodelling of station building, is a continuous process and the same is done on a need based programme, in phases, subject to availability of funds. 62 stations in Tamil Nadu have so far been improved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and 39 stations are proposed to be improved during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan. The amenities being provided at different stations comprise drinking water, toilets, improvements to platform and shelter over platform, waiting halls, improved booking facilities, improvement to circulating area, etc.

Appointment of Chairman/Members of the Central Board of Film Certification

3327. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any full-fledged Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification is working at present;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and the details of members on this Board; and

(c) what are the guidelines for their appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Following the completion of the term of former part-time Chairman and pending the appointment of a regular Chairman, Prof. M. B. Vanamali, one of the present members of the Central Board of Film Certifications, is working as acting Chairman of the Board.

At present, in addition to Prof. Vanamali, the following 20 persons are holding office as member of the Central Board of Film Certification:

1. Ms. Shanta Gandhi
2. Smt. Sarayu Doshi
3. Shri G. P. Sippy
4. Dr. V. S. Venkatavaradhan
5. Smt. Shaila Parikh